

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of American Canyon as it celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

Nestled between Solano and Napa counties, the City of American Canyon, formerly known as "Napa Junction," was incorporated on January 1, 1992. Since then, the small city has proved itself to be a vital part of the North Bay Area, earning the nickname "The Gateway to the Napa Valley." According to the late John Mikolajcik, often called the "Father of American Canyon," the city is named after the Native American, Hispanic, and Caucasian communities that lived in the area together as one people: Americans.

Since its incorporation, American Canyon and its people have made many contributions to the nearby Napa and Solano communities, including the construction of a water reclamation facility, senior center, Boys and Girls club, community center, public library, high school, and middle and elementary schools. The city also has a 640-acre open space preserve donated by residents Jack and Bernice Newell, where people can enjoy the beautiful nature of Wine Country. Further, American Canyon has acquired its own zip code, 94503, and a post office.

The people of American Canyon are the backbone of this thriving city. From amateur sports leagues to religious congregations to Girl Scout and Boy Scout chapters, the residents of American Canyon have created a strong, interconnected community.

American Canyon's convenient geographical location, steady growth, and vibrant community culture has earned its status as a premier city in Northern California. Over the past three decades, the city's population has grown to 21,000 residents and is now the gateway for travelers from all over the world who seek to experience our famous winegrowing region.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor the City of American Canyon here today to celebrate its 30 years of prosperity.

BARRY M. WRIGHT, SR.

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, a lifelong resident of Winslow Township, New Jersey, Mayor Barry M. Wright, Sr. grew up working on a farm in Penbryn, New Jersey. He graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 before attending Camden County Community College.

For nearly three decades, Mayor Wright served as a Police Officer for the Winslow Township Police Department, retiring as a Lieutenant and Adjutant to the Chief of Police. Mayor Wright was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. Among his accomplishments include establishing the Police School Liaison program, working in the Detectives Division, Traffic Unit, Internal Affairs and serving with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He also served on the Tansboro Volunteer Fire Company.

Following his service through law enforcement Mayor Barry M. Wright, Sr., served on the Winslow Township Committee for five years and as Mayor for the past six years. During his tenure, he worked on various community enhancement projects. He helped implement sidewalk projects and ensured intersections were handicap accessible. He worked to execute community police programs through the Junior Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop and Adopt a Cop. Additionally, he committed the Township to sustainability programs and replaced the playground of Calabrese Park and added new exercise equipment.

As a public servant Mayor Wright received several accolades during his public service career such as numerous police citations, the Camden County Martin Luther King Freedom Award and the Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award.

Mayor Barry M. Wright, Sr., passed away on Sunday, February 27, 2022. He was the beloved husband of twenty-five years to Robin (Pennett). Loving father of Makayla, Lee Lin, Ian, Brandon (Amelia), Barry (Kelly), and Wendy (David). Proud Grandfather of Connor, Gavin, Sadie and Jason.

CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSTELLATION THEATRE COMPANY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Constellation Theatre Company on its 15th anniversary, which is today, April 4, 2022.

Constellation Theatre Company was created to tell big, powerful stories in intimate spaces. Constellation Theatre Company showcases diverse stories that reflect the vast range of human experience using visual spectacle, dynamic movement, live music and passionate acting ensembles. These plays and musicals spark the curiosity and imagination of audiences in the District of Columbia metropolitan area.

Constellation Theatre Company believes that the communal experience of live theater promotes compassion, understanding, healing and connection—and that we need it now

more than ever. Constellation Theatre Company "brings a global perspective different from what every other theatre company in the DMV explores." Constellation Theatre Company has brought to life 45 diverse stories from 16 countries. Many of these stories highlight philosophies of religions that are under-represented in the Western theatrical canon.

Constellation Theatre Company has received some of the top theater awards in the Mid-Atlantic region, including winning 17 Helen Hayes Awards and receiving 81 nominations. Constellation Theatre Company was voted "Best Small Theatre Company" by The Washington Post in 2016 and 2018, was voted "Best Theatre Company" by the Washington City Paper in 2016, won the American Theatre Wing, National Theatre Company Award in 2013 and received the John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company in 2009.

More than 100,000 people have attended Constellation Theatre Company productions. Constellation Theatre Company has hired 1,650 artists, the majority of whom are from the District of Columbia. Ninety-three percent of Constellation Theatre Company shows have been directed by women, and many of the actors and artists have come from diverse backgrounds.

Constellation Theatre Company has partnered with top theater professionals from around the world and with national and regional groups to engage audiences and to create change. These groups include: American Red Cross, Humane Society, Whitman Walker Health, Barcelona Wine Bar, Room & Board, Art of Living, Freer-Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Journeys and Thornton Wilder Society.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Constellation Theatre Company founders Allison Arkell Stockman and A.J. Guban and the Chair of Constellation Theatre Company's Board of Directors, Scott Chatham, on 15 years of service to the District of Columbia and the country.

MICHAEL JOHN "MIKE" DONOHUE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Michael John Donohue was born in Cape May Court House, New Jersey. He was the senior class president at Middle Township High School, where he earned seven varsity letters for football and track and field. In 1989, Mike graduated from the Catholic University of America with a degree in World Politics. After college, he graduated Cum Laude from Stetson University College of Law and served as a volunteer teacher at St. Joseph Catholic High School in the Virgin Islands, where he coached the mock trial team. Mike then went on to open his own firm, the Donohue Law

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Firm. In 2015, he was appointed to Judge on the New Jersey Superior Court. Mike served as Judge in the Criminal and Family Courts until 2020, before deciding to return to practicing law. In addition to these career accomplishments, he was also Chairman of the Cape May County Regular Republican Organization and won Irishman of the year. I am very proud of Mike for his extensive career as a lawyer, judge, and chairman in the South Jersey community. God Bless Mike, and God Bless America.

HONORING MARYLOU HERNANDEZ ARMER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Marylou Hernandez Armer in recognition of her service to the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Born in 1977, Mrs. Armer grew up in National City, California, and attended Morse High School. Her aspirations to be a police officer began early when she enlisted in the National City Police Department's Explorer Post 2859.

Mrs. Armer dedicated her career to protecting her community. Mrs. Armer served with the Santa Rosa Police Department for over 20 years. She joined the Santa Rosa Police Department as a field evidence technician in 1999. Nine years of civilian service later, she was sworn in as an officer. Mrs. Armer became a detective in 2016 and was an investigator in the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Unit. She was a person of deep empathy and compassion and always showed kindness to survivors for whom she pursued justice.

On March 31, 2020, our community and our Nation lost an outstanding citizen when Mrs. Armer passed. She was the first peace officer in the state of California taken by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Armer leaves behind her husband, Mark Armer, and their daughter. Our community and state continue to mourn her loss.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mrs. Armer dedicated her life to the people of Sonoma County through her service to the Santa Rosa Police Department and the victims of domestic and sexual violence. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, on April 1, 2022, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 103; Nay on Roll Call No. 104; Nay on Roll Call No. 105; Yea on Roll Call No. 106; and Nay on Roll Call No. 107.

REMEMBERING JERRY THORNE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, today I along with Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman MARK DESAULNIER, ask our colleagues to join us to remember Jerry Thorne, who passed away on March 27, 2022.

Mr. Jerry Thorne spent his career serving the Pleasanton community, first as a councilman for more than seven years and then as the mayor for eight years. Throughout his tenure, Jerry oversaw Pleasanton's city park improvements, Highway 84 widening and safety projects between Livermore and Sunol, and strengthened the relationship among the five Tri-Valley municipalities to achieve regional goals.

Jerry was raised in Tennessee and earned a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Tennessee at Memphis, before serving in the U.S. Army. He then had an esteemed professional career, including nearly 30 years with Hewlett-Packard and its affiliated company Agilent Technologies.

Moving to Pleasanton in his 20s, Jerry first got involved in politics as a volunteer with the Pleasanton Seahawks advocating for swimming facilities. He then served on the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission.

Jerry was a devoted public servant who improved the quality of life and city services in Pleasanton. He not only served in leadership for the city of Pleasanton, but also represented the Tri-Valley statewide and nationally through the League of California Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Kalee Thorne, daughter Keri Thorne Gough and two grandchildren. He will be missed by the entire Pleasanton community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AGAMYRAT AGAMBAYEV

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Dr. Agamyrat Agambayev. This man, still in the prime of his life, was ruthlessly murdered in broad daylight in Tempe, Arizona. The killer took the life of a husband, a father, and an incredible immigrant to this country who was all set to start his new career working at Intel.

This young man was loved by many and led an impressive life that will not go unnoticed.

Dr. Agamyrat Agambayev was an impressive scholar receiving his second Ph.D. at Arizona State University. He had also recently accepted an engineering job at Intel that he worked so diligently to get. But most importantly, Dr. Agamyrat Agambayev was a friend to many, an extraordinary husband and a dedicated father to his two year old son. Dr. Agamyrat's wife, Sumeyra Agambayev states, "He had a real bright future . . . he was dedicated, smart, and studied tirelessly for years at universities to start giving back to the community here and abroad in Turkmenistan."

I condemn the crime here, and the loss to humanity. I am appalled at the growing crime and homeless problems in Tempe and Phoenix. Our people need to be assured they can live and work in a community without fear of a murderous car jacker lurking to take one's life and property.

I mourn for his young family. His son will be left with little memory of his father. But I hope one day his son will read these words, and the words of others, and know that his father was a bright star in the sky and made the world a better place. He lived and died with honor.

My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones and shall Dr. Agamyrat Agambayev never be forgotten.

HONORING BETTY LABASTIDA AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Betty Labastida, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Labastida was born in El Centro, California, to Rosa and Leopoldo Labastida. She graduated from California State University, Los Angeles in 1968 with a degree in nursing. Ms. Labastida began her professional career in hospital nursing, and then worked in public health nursing. After earning her master's degree in health service and family nurse practitioner from the University of California, Davis in 1973, she worked for county medical services and community clinics for 43 years. During her nursing career, she also spent 20 years working with the Department of State Foreign Service.

After retiring from nursing in 2014, Ms. Labastida became dedicated to community service. She is best known for her work as a volunteer at COVID vaccination sites in Napa County, where she utilizes her family nurse practitioner experience and her bilingual speaking skills to help people register for vaccinations and infection screenings. Ms. Labastida has volunteered at approximately 55 vaccination clinics, primarily through Ole Health.

Ms. Labastida has been a devoted volunteer with the non-profit Napa Valley CanDo, which creates and collects donations for food banks. She has volunteered in CanDo's community garden for four years and has served as a Food Project Neighborhood Coordinator for five years.

Ms. Labastida is known throughout her community for her humble demeanor, dedication to others, cheery disposition, and bright smile. When she is not serving her community, she is having adventures abroad. She is also a devoted mother and grandmother to her daughter, Alisa, and her grandson, Sebastian.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Betty Labastida has dedicated her life to the people of Napa County through her community service and nursing career. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

GERALD THORNTON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to honor Gerald Thornton, also known as Gerry, who started his career in 1974 as a District Committeeman in Lower Township, Cape May County. He was then appointed to Cape May County Freeholder in 1976. Later on, Gerry became the Chairman of the Board of Elections for six years and eventually was appointed as the Director of the Board. He was placed in the New Jersey Association of Counties Hall of Fame and was recognized as Freeholder of the Year for all 21 counties in New Jersey. Over the years, Gerry has directly participated in developing many South Jersey projects including building the Cape May County Special Services School, building the Gerald M. Thornton Veterans Cemetery, and helped to bring a Veterans Clinic to Cape May County. After 44 years serving Cape May County, he has decided to retire. Gerry should be very proud of his lifelong service in South Jersey, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for all his accomplishments. God Bless Gerry, and God Bless America.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would permit commercial filming and photography on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Complex, beyond east of Union Square, the only area where such filming and photography is currently authorized. This bill would allow commercial filming and photography outside of the Capitol and congressional office buildings by permit, so long as neither the House nor Senate is in session. In many countries, freedom of expression is limited, and while the January 6th insurrection was one of the greatest threats to American democracy in history, the Capitol and the United States remain beacons of democracy for the world. We should encourage commercial filming and photography at the Capitol to share this symbol of democracy with the world. Movies and television shows that involve the Capitol should not have to go to other cities or use fake capitol buildings for filming.

The current policy allowing commercial filming and photography near the U.S. Botanic Garden shows that the Capitol Police can handle commercial filming and photography at the Capitol Complex, especially when Congress is not in session. However, that vantage point captures the least familiar view of the Capitol. Preventing commercial filmmakers and photographers from shooting in front of the Capitol is neither business-friendly nor true to the nation's democratic traditions. Encouraging commercial filming and photography at the Capitol would help spread the story of our national legislature around the world.

There is no good reason why commercial filming and photography should be confined to Union Square. Specifically, my bill would give the Capitol Police complete discretion to issue a permit for commercial filming and photography at the Capitol Complex under the same terms and conditions as those for commercial filming and photography in Union Square. No policy or security reasons exist to justify limiting commercial filming and photography at the Capitol Complex to only one location, Union Square, especially considering that permits are necessary. Visitors are regularly seen on East Capitol Street (east of 2nd Street) taking pictures, where they get a full view of the Capitol, demonstrating the arbitrary nature of limiting commercial filming and photography to Union Square.

This bill would provide the Capitol Police authority to charge fees to cover any costs incurred by the Architect of the Capitol from permit approval. The fees would be deposited into the Capitol Trust Account, which was established to accept fees collected for commercial filming and photography permits for Union Square. Amounts in the Capitol Trust Account would be available without fiscal year limitation for maintenance, improvements and projects the Architect of the Capitol considers appropriate, subject to the approval of the Appropriations Committees.

Views of the Capitol are among America's most iconic. Limiting commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, an important vehicle for telling the nation's story, does not serve the American people. Indeed, most of the world reveres our system of government largely through commercial films and photos of the Capitol, a symbol of our democracy at work. Commercial films and photographs of the Capitol, the seat of our democracy, are perhaps the best modern vehicles for telling the nation's story and showcasing its democratic system of government. Republicans and Democrats alike revere the image of the Capitol as a symbol of democracy. My bill would enable appropriate, permitted commercial filming and photography of the Capitol, and would create economic benefits for the nation, the District of Columbia and private businesses.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING BONNIE SUE GRAHAM**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Bonnie Sue Graham for her outstanding career at the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department, helping our veterans secure the proper care they need and deserve.

Mrs. Graham was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in the nearby suburb of Winthrop, where she attended public school. She then graduated from Tufts University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. Following her graduation, Mrs. Graham spent years in the private sector, working at medical centers in Connecticut and New Mexico. Eventually, she became the vice president of the Lovelace Health System, the largest healthcare provider in New Mexico.

After her service at Lovelace Health System, Mrs. Graham became a senior administrator at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albuquerque. In 2007, Mrs. Graham became Associate Director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Later, in 2013, Mrs. Graham became the director of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco, where she cultivated a culture of support, openness, and a commitment to excellence.

As Director, Mrs. Graham has served on numerous national Veterans Affairs committees and mentored several Veterans Affairs executives and administrators. In 2000, she began a trailblazing program to educate Veterans Affairs workers on how to address matters of diversity and equity, an effort that has achieved widespread recognition today.

As Mrs. Graham prepares to retire from her excellent service at the end of this month, she looks forward to spending more time with her husband, Glenn, and their son, Garrett.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Bonnie Sue Graham has spent her life serving and supporting our brave service members. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

ROBERT RALPH MACMURRAY**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, SPC Robert Ralph MacMurray was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Ralph and Catherine MacMurray in 1946. As a child he belonged to the Boy Scouts of America and supports the organization today.

In 1966, at the age of nineteen he signed up for the United States Army. He served in the Third Armor Infantry Division stationed in Freiburg, Germany, as a cook for four years and completed two years in the United States Army Reserves.

In recognition of his service to our country, SPC MacMurray earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Camden County Veterans Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. In 1972, Mr. MacMurray completed his time in the United States Army Reserves after six total years of courageous service.

Upon returning home from his military service, SPC Robert MacMurray married Ms. Janet Wilson on June 5, 1972. They had two sons Robert and Jonathan and two daughters-in-law Beth and Megan. They have five grandchildren Ryan, Aidan, Connor, Brenna, and Aubrey. They have been happily married for 50 years.

Back in his hometown, SPC MacMurray worked for Bond Bread Company for over nine years. SPC MacMurray continued his service to our nation through his work at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and with the Navy Public Works Center Norfolk Detachment Philadelphia, with over thirty-three years of federal service.

In his retirement, SPC MacMurray is a member of the American Legion and a part of the American Legion Post 17's "Thank a Vet" program, providing any veteran an opportunity to have a cup of coffee and a donut with other veterans.

HONORING ISABEL DIAZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Isabel Diaz for being chosen as the 2022 American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) Direct Support Professional (DSP) of the Year for the State of Texas.

Each year, ANCOR chooses one outstanding DSP from every state. This year, Ms. Diaz, a resident of the Rio Grande Valley, was chosen as the Texas Direct Support Professional of the Year. From helping patients travel for medical care to providing open and honest communication, and volunteering to shelter-in-place with those who needed it most at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Diaz exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond for her community.

Ms. Diaz has dedicated her time to giving members of our community with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) the care they deserve. She has gone to great lengths to ensure the safety, wellness, and inclusion of patients in her care. This not only makes her an exceptional DSP but also a leader. This recognition is well-deserved, and I look forward to hearing about all that she will accomplish for our community.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to celebrate the countless achievements and successes of Ms. Isabel Diaz, who has devoted her life to providing the highest quality care to South Texans with I/DD. For that and much more, South Texas will be forever grateful.

HONORING ELIZABETH QUIROZ AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Quiroz, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Mrs. Quiroz was born in San Francisco, California. At a young age, she became a victim of human trafficking. After escaping trafficking, she pursued an education with the hope of learning how to help other victims of human trafficking recover and move forward. In 2014, Mrs. Quiroz began attending Santa Rosa Junior College, where she volunteered for the Bear Cub Scholar Program, which provides academic counseling for foster youth. She graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College with highest honors in three associate degrees: social advocacy, behavioral science and human services. In 2021, she graduated from Sonoma State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology with distinction.

While in school, Mrs. Quiroz worked as a substance use disorder counselor and co-

founded the nonprofit Redemption House of The Bay Area, which helps victims of human trafficking reclaim their lives. Mrs. Quiroz received many awards recognizing her incredible work, including the 2019 American Red Cross Humanitarian Hero Award, the 2019 Achievement and Community Service Award from the Sonoma County Lowrider Council, and the 2021 Inaugural Spirit of Sonoma County Award. She also received the Unconditional Governor's Pardon from Governor Jerry Brown in 2018.

Mrs. Quiroz currently serves as a substance use disorder counselor at Athena House Residential Treatment Center for women in Santa Rosa, while pursuing a master's degree in Social Justice and Human Rights from Arizona State University.

Outside of her community work and her education, Mrs. Quiroz finds joy in her family, including her husband, Jose, their five children and one grandson. She is also looking forward to publishing her memoir, *Purified in the Flame*, on March 31st of this year.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Elizabeth Quiroz has devoted her life to helping and supporting vulnerable individuals in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CELEBRATING APRIL AS FAITH
MONTH**HON. MARY E. MILLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, this April Americans all over the country, led by Concerned Women for America, the Nation's largest public policy organization for women, and other faith-based organizations are celebrating April as Faith Month. I rise to join and commend this noble effort calling all people of faith to join in prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration of their faith.

The United States of America was born of the unanimous Declaration that we are "endowed by [our] Creator with certain unalienable Rights," based on "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world," and acknowledging our "reliance on the protection of divine Providence." We are a people of faith. That is why religious freedom is known as America's first freedom, as laid out in the Establishment and the Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment also supports America's unique focus on freedom of expression, including in matters of faith.

America's Judeo-Christian founding promotes religious diversity and tolerance. Our motto, "In God We Trust," further emphasizes the importance of faith in our nation's founding. From our first president to the last, we have always acknowledged America's faith. President George Washington recognized "it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and President Joe Biden, most recently acknowledged Thanksgiving as a "time to reflect on our many blessings—from God, this Nation, and each other."

Religious liberty serves to strengthen our country's appreciation of all peoples, regardless of faith. But eternal diligence is needed to preserve religious freedom. Attacks on religious liberty and people of faith continue to plague our nation with some religious charities even being forced to betray the tenets of their faith in order to participate in certain government programs. We must actively reject all efforts to criminalize or cancel religious beliefs in certain controversial areas as somehow incompatible with our democracy.

Religious organizations in America have a rich history of charitable engagement helping the sick, poor, and afflicted, and they should be celebrated, not maligned for their contributions to our way of life. According to the Pew Research Center, more than 75 percent of Americans practice some type of religious faith. This rich, diverse religious heritage is to our credit and should be commended.

Therefore, I join millions of Americans celebrating their personal faiths freely and openly, with public displays and celebrations, including prayer and expressions of thanksgiving, during the month of April, also known as "Faith Month," as a way to reaffirm our commitment to the religious liberty principles of our founding.

HONORING LISA DIAZ-MCQUAID AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Diaz-McQuaid, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Diaz-McQuaid was born and raised in Santa Rosa, California. She is a survivor of human trafficking and has been committed to helping human trafficking victims. In 2018, Ms. Diaz-McQuaid co-founded the Redemption House of the Bay Area, a non-profit organization based in Sonoma County that helps victims of human trafficking reclaim their lives. Ms. Diaz-McQuaid is currently a student at Santa Rosa Junior College, working toward three associate degrees in human services, advocacy and addiction studies.

Ms. Diaz-McQuaid has dedicated her life to supporting human trafficking victims. She is a member of the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force, an advocate in the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women movement, and the co-facilitator of the first peer-lead human trafficking victims support group in Sonoma County. Ms. Diaz-McQuaid is also a team leader of a monthly street outreach program that helps human trafficking victims leave their abusers.

Furthermore, Ms. Diaz-McQuaid participates in community activities that support at-risk youth and recovering addicts. She mentors youth survivors of human trafficking and works at the Girls Circle of Valley of the Moon, an emergency shelter center for children who are unsafe with their parents or guardians.

After graduating from Santa Rosa Junior College, Ms. Diaz-McQuaid hopes to transfer to Sonoma State University to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology and eventually earn a master's degree in social work. On top of being an outstanding community member and student, Ms. Diaz-McQuaid is a mother and grandmother. She has three adult children, Gabriella, Anthony and Josephine Hall, and five grandchildren, Maya, Carmello, Jayvion, Millianna, and Dream.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Lisa Diaz-McQuaid has devoted her life to helping and supporting vulnerable individuals in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

BRAEDEN DIFRANCEISCO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of presenting Braeden DiFranceisco with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Braeden is originally from Mullica Hill, South Jersey and is currently a senior at St. Augustine Prep School in Richland, New Jersey. He started his journey towards becoming an Eagle Scout in 2012 and has risen through the ranks from being a Bear in the third grade to Eagle his senior year of high school. For his Eagle Scout project, Braeden installed an orienteering course at Grenloch Lake Park in Washington Township. The course can be utilized by all Scout troops in South Jersey by helping them understand navigation and complete rank requirements. The orienteering course can also be used as a tool to help other scouts earn their orienteering merit badge. Braeden should be proud of his accomplishments, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Braeden, and God Bless America.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF MANJIT SAPPAL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Manjit Sappal as he retires from his outstanding, six-year service as the Chief of Police for the city of Martinez, California.

Born in the United Kingdom, Chief Sappal and his family immigrated to the United States in 1981 and settled in the Bay Area, where he has lived ever since. In the late 1990s, Chief Sappal began his 26-year-long career in law enforcement as a police officer in Pittsburg, California. Later, he moved to the Richmond Police Department, where he worked for 18 years and became a captain. While working as a police officer, Mr. Sappal graduated from Golden Gate University with highest honors, earning a master's degree in public administration. He also graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy and the Police Execu-

tive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Chief Sappal's rigorous work ethic and impressive credentials propelled him to the office of Chief of Police of Martinez in 2015, a position from which he retired from on March 17, 2022. Throughout his career in law enforcement, Chief Sappal has worked in several positions. From Homicide Investigator to Guns and Gang Detective, he has always put himself on the line to make his community safer. While these experiences were memorable, Chief Sappal considers his time as Chief of Police, working with an amazing, high-performing team, to be the highlight of his career. Chief Sappal's service extends beyond law enforcement. As a member of the Contra Costa Council for Homelessness and the Martinez Rotary and Kiwanis, Chief Sappal has worked hard to maintain trust with the community and keep the public safe.

After retirement, Chief Sappal looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Tina, and their two teenage children, Alexis Lily and Andrew Tyler. While the people of Martinez will miss his excellent police work and leadership, the sense of empathy and compassion he established in the community will last a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Chief Manjit Sappal has served our community through his exceptional career in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DONALD EDWIN YOUNG

SPEECH OF

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD additional tributes from staff and friends of the late Rep. Don Young.

MICHAEL SONGER

DY Senior Legislative Assistant & Defense Policy Advisor (2017–2022)

When it comes to the job, Congressman Young was the best there ever was. I remember we were going to an event on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) and due to a miscommunication, there was no memo for the Boss. So, there I was, hand writing a memo on the hood of a pickup truck, in a JBER parking lot. If I am honest, when I finished the memo, I was quite proud of myself. However, because of how good he was at doing the job, he didn't even need to refer to the memo. Without looking at that piece of paper, he conveyed a hopeful message full of jokes, pride, and an eye toward the future. His off the cuff remarks to that audience of servicemembers were better than anything I could have written.

When you ask anyone who worked for Congressman Young about their time working for "The Boss," they will all have numerous stories and experiences they will happily share. But one thing they will all say is he was the best boss ever. When I came on board, little did I know what the office and the Boss would come to mean to me. Over 49 years, Team DY has formed a family that has each other's backs. The Boss took a chance on me and allowed me to join this family and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity. I will miss him greatly. But I

know that when I look up at the sky and see a raven flying, he's out there, watching over his family.

NAHALI (HOLLY) R. CROFT

Team DY—Personal Staff (2008–2011)

A lot has been said in the days since Congressman Young's passing about how he was a tough, gruff fighter for Alaska. I'm grateful to Congressman Garret Graves for allowing me to share a memory that reinforces how important his constituents always were.

When I'd been newly promoted to Legislative Correspondent—a position in the Young office that handled a small portfolio as training for taking on bigger issues once promoted to Legislative Assistant—I turned in my first memo on legislation in my purview being considered on the Floor that day. To be honest, I was pretty proud of it. After all, I'd read the information on the bill from our Whip's office, and I'd consulted a few conservative think tanks for their assessments as well. I handed the memo to the Legislative Director, who approved it, and into the Congressman's office I went, ready to give my vote recommendation. I handed Congressman Young a copy of the memo, and he listened as I went through the high points. Then, he sat back in his chair, crossed his arms, and said, "Okay, Miss Holly, now argue it from the other side."

I must have given a shocked look because he chuckled, "It's important to know both sides. Just because we're recommended to vote a certain way from our leadership doesn't mean that we should." I think I must have continued to look surprised, or perhaps confused, because I don't remember responding before he continued, "We need to choose what's best for Alaska. That's not always what's best for the Lower 48. It makes me very unpopular at times with my colleagues, and that's okay because I'm not here to represent them, am I?"

"No," I admitted. At this point, I was again directed to consider the Democrats' arguments on the issue, and on that vote—my very first vote recommendation—he voted against my original recommendation and with the Democrats because it would better serve Alaskans. This was a valuable reminder that constituents should come before party affiliation, and it was something I carried with me well past my time in Congressman Young's office. It also was a good reminder that knowing a range of opinions is important for making informed decisions.

I worked for Congressman Young during this third decade of service. At his funeral, I met some of the staff who were working for him at his death. It was good to know that nothing had changed since that day back in 2008. Alaskans were always first with him, even until his last day.

DRUE PEARCE, FORMER ALASKA STATE SENATE PRESIDENT

From our first meeting in 1977 until our last, just days before his death, Don Young was a mentor and friend for whom I have the utmost respect. He was the only Alaska Congressman I've ever known and he provided sage advice and counsel, peppered with his unique exhortations to "Think Big" and "Work with everyone to get things done", sometimes uttered with some salty phrases included. Alaska and Alaskans could not have asked for a better advocate and more forceful singular voice in Congress—working for us 24/7/365 with a laser focus on building the infrastructure necessary for our future. Don Young will forever live in my heart and I will forever be a "Young Woman".

HILLEL WEINBERG

DY Legislative Assistant (1978–79)

While I was a New Yorker, my resume (sent by the placement office) got me an

interview and I was hired in 1978 as a legislative assistant. (I used to tell people that Alaskans were Alaskans for a reason and were typically uninterested in living in Washington, unlike folks from some other parts of the country.) I had some Hill experience but this was my first full-time job. I was put to work on a lot of interesting issues, such as "Is a hovercraft REALLY a "vessel" for the purposes of the Jones Act? Is there something we can do to make them more available in the Bush?"

Don was sympathetic to the Air Line Pilots Association, an AFL-CIO union that was on strike against the then-dominant intrastate carrier Wien Air Alaska over the issue of whether there should be a third pilot in a Boeing 737. This issue was critical to the union as a whole and the Wien pilots were getting significant strike pay from the union, but it was really costing the members. Because the rest of the employees of the airline were organized by the (then-non-AFL-CIO) Teamsters who did not respect the pilots' picket lines, the airline had broken the strike and it was unclear how it could be settled. President Carter refused to intervene under the Railway Labor Act (yes, airlines are "railways"). Don had me work on a "little amendment" to the Airline Deregulation Act that ****required**** the President to set up a board to try to settle it—because, we explained, "Alaska was different." It had nothing to do with airline deregulation, of course, but Don made things happen. The amendment was enacted, a Presidential Emergency Board was appointed, and eventually the pilots went back to work. (Unfortunately for the union, the 3-pilot rule ended.)

Aside from Don's many kindnesses to me both when I was working and as we encountered one another through my own long career on the Hill, what truly set him apart was his devotion to his family. I had been exposed to a fair number of members and the Hill culture, and I knew that many members either enjoyed (or felt that they had to attend) the many receptions and dinners that were available to them. They could be entertaining and politically helpful. They were not for Don.

The minute he possibly could, he was out of the office and on his way to his place in Virginia to be with his family. His values and his priorities were obviously in the right place. He was devoted to his family in a truly exemplary way, as we have heard in the tributes that have been paid to him over the years and since his passing. That was the real Don Young.

BOB HERRON

State Staffer, Station Bethel Delegation Office

If Don gave you his word, even if it proved painful in the future, his word was gold. A few quotes from Don Young:

"If I tell you the sky is blue, it's blue, and if the sun is up, it's up, and there is no in-between."

"Some other members of Congress put their fingers up to see which way the wind is blowing."

CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), we mourn the passing of Congressman Don Young; a lifelong outdoorsman and tireless champion for hunting and angling. Representative Young was a founder, past Chairman and active Member of the bipartisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and was a conservation giant, whose legacy will benefit future generations of Americans. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends, and the halls of Congress will

miss his larger than life personality," said CSF President & CEO Jeff Crane.

HOWARD F. GRANT

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt) Howard F. Grant has been a resident of Bellmawr, New Jersey for over four decades and has dedicated his life to his community and our country. In 1969, at the age of eighteen he joined the United States Marine Corps to valiantly defend our great nation overseas. He served two tours in Vietnam, and fought in the Khesagh, Peiko, Hue City and the Quang Tre Province.

In recognition of his service to our country, MGySgt Grant earned the Bronze Star Medal for heroic service, the Silver Star Medal for valor in combat, and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds sustained on behalf of our nation's defense. In 1990, MGySgt Grant completed his time in the United States Marine Corps after more than two decades of courageous service.

In continuing his dedication to serving his community and country, MGySgt Grant went on to volunteer for the Office of Veterans Affairs, coordinating the placement of flags on the graves of veterans in St. Mary's and Resurrection Cemeteries. He also served his community through his participation in multiple Borough of Bellmawr functions such as the 4th of July Parade, Golf Tournaments and Scholarship programs for the Borough and Black Horse Pike Regional School District.

In his retirement, MGySgt Grant currently serves as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9563 and has served as a representative for both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day programs. MGySgt Grant previously served as the Commander for American Legion Post 72, and has supported programs at the Vineland Veteran's Hospital, Thanksgiving food drives and Christmas gift drives.

HONORING THE 2021 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 164 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2021 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents, Andrew Hirshfeld. To be named as a Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds over 4,800 patents. This year's class of Fellows in-

cludes individuals from 118 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning across the United States and the world. The now 1,567-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 200 senior leaders of research universities and nonprofit research institutes, over 600 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 45 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 63 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 45 Nobel Laureates, 450 AAAS Fellows, 314 IEEE Fellows and 251 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions. The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as the ones being inducted for their contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2021 NAI Fellows include:

Katerina Akassoglou, University of California—San Francisco; Norma A. Alcantar, University of South Florida; Zhiqiang An, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; Treena Arinze, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Andrea Armani, University of Southern California; Santokh S. Badesha, Purdue University; Sanjay Banerjee, The University of Texas at Austin; Ravi Bellamkonda, Duke University; Ronald D. Berger, Johns Hopkins University; Madan M. Bhasin, Louisiana State University.

Greg E. Blonder, Boston University; Jef D. Boeke, NYU Langone Health; Thomas Boland, The University of Texas at El Paso; Xandra O. Breakefield, Massachusetts General Hospital Research Institute; Joan F. Brennecke, The University of Texas at Austin; Marcel P. Bruchez, Carnegie Mellon University; Vladimir Bulović, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Anthony N. Caruso, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Babu Chalamala, Sandia National Laboratories; Joseph Chappell, University of Kentucky.

Shaochen Chen, University of California, San Diego; Shigao Chen, Mayo Clinic; Yingying Chen, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Shih Cheng-Yen, Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology; Tze-Chiang Chung, The Pennsylvania State University; William W. Clark, University of Pittsburgh; Stuart L. Cooper, The Ohio State University; Max D. Cooper, Emory University; Gerard L. Cote, Texas A&M University; Douglas F. Covey, Washington University in St. Louis.

Gregory P. Crawford, Miami University; Ronald G. Crystal, Weill Cornell Medicine; Fa F. Dai, Auburn University; Ted M. Dawson, Johns Hopkins University; Ananth Dodabalapur, The University of Texas at Austin; Patricia Donahoe, Massachusetts General Hospital Research Institute; Elmoatazbellah Elnozahy, King Abdullah University of Science

and Technology; Thomas H. Epps, University of Delaware; Rong Fan, Yale University; Liesl Folks, The University of Arizona.

Holloway H. Frost, Jr., The University of Texas at Arlington; Bruce K. Gale, The University of Utah; Bruce C. Gates, University of California; Davis, Jordan J. Green Johns Hopkins University; Paula T. Hammond, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Benjamin G. Harvey, Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division—NAWCWD China Lake; Ayanna Howard, The Ohio State University; James E. Hubbard, Jr., Texas A&M University; Alex Ignatiev, University of Houston; David Jaffray, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; Cherie R. Kagan, University of Pennsylvania; Hari Kalva, Florida Atlantic University.

Richard B. Kaner, University of California, Los Angeles; Anumantha G. Kanthasamy, University of Georgia; Sanjiv Kapoor, Illinois Institute of Technology; Jeffrey Karp, Harvard University; Frederick A. Kish, Jr., North Carolina State University; George Koob, National Institutes of Health; Joerg Lahann, University of Michigan; Sidney E. Law, University of Georgia; Kelvin H. Lee, University of Delaware; Gwo-Bin Lee, National Tsing Hua University.

Craig A. Lehmann, Stony Brook University; Xingen Lei, Cornell University; Henry A. Lester, California Institute of Technology; King C. Li, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Xiaochun R. Li, University of California, Los Angeles; Chenzhong Li, Tulane University; Zhiyong Liang, Florida State University; Jianming Liang, Arizona State University; Zhi-Pei Liang, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Ming C. Lin, University of Maryland, College Park.

Steven R. Little, University of Pittsburgh; Zheng-Rong Lu, Case Western Reserve University; Yi Lu, The University of Texas at Austin; Serge Luryi, Stony Brook University; Thomas R. Mackie, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Shlomo Magdassi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Ajay Malshe, Purdue University; Terry Matsunaga, The University of Arizona; John A. McLean, Vanderbilt University; Craig H. Meyer, University of Virginia.

Alan J. Michaels, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Jeffrey Milbrandt, Washington University in St. Louis; Sumita B. Mitra, University of South Florida; Osama Mohammed, Florida International University; Subhra Mohapatra, University of South Florida; Duncan T. Moore, University of Rochester; Daniel Moran, Washington University in St. Louis; Morton M. Mower, University of Colorado Denver; Russell J. Mumper, The University of Alabama; Govindarajan Muralidharan, Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Sri R. Narayan, University of Southern California; D. Scott NeSmith, University of Georgia; Tse Nga Ng, University of California, San Diego; Vincent C. Njar, University of Maryland, Baltimore; Richard D. Noble, University of Colorado Boulder; Anson Ong, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Abraham Oommen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Karen Panetta, Tufts University; Khanh D. Pham, Air Force Research Laboratory; Rosalind W. Picard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Lawrence Pileggi, Carnegie Mellon University; Jill Pipher, Brown University; Brian W. Pogue, Dartmouth College; Maurizio Prato, University of Trieste.

Samuel Prien, Texas Tech University; Jose C. Principe, University of Florida; Susan E.

Quaggin, Northwestern University; Clive Randall, The Pennsylvania State University; Amanda Randles, Duke University; Theodore W. Randolph, University of Colorado Boulder; Venigalla B. Rao, The Catholic University of America; Nalini K. Ratha, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Behzad Razavi, University of California, Los Angeles; Charles M. Rice, The Rockefeller University.

Subrata Roy, University of Florida; Bulent Sarioglu, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Majid Sarrafzadeh, University of California, Los Angeles; Richard Sayre, New Mexico Consortium; David V. Schaffer, University of California, Berkeley; Richard A. Schatz, Duke University; Julie M. Schoenung, University of California, Irvine; Richard R. Schrock, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Chandan K. Sen, Indiana University; Cyrus Shahabi, University of Southern California.

Fergus Shanahan, University College Cork; K.B. Sharpless, The Scripps Research Institute; Pei-Yong Shi, The University of Texas Medical Branch; Andrei Shkel, University of California, Irvine; Steven J. Simske, Colorado State University; Raghupathy Sivakumar, Georgia Institute of Technology; Alexander H. Slocum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Jill P. Smith, Georgetown University; Joshua Smith, University of Washington; Susan L. Sokolowski, University of Oregon.

Milan Sonka, University of Iowa; Natalie Stingelin, Georgia Institute of Technology; Gerald B. Stringfellow, The University of Utah; Luyi Sun, University of Connecticut; Earl E. Swartzlander, Jr., The University of Texas at Austin; Juming Tang, Washington State University; Michael M. Thackeray, Argonne National Laboratory; Ganesh Thakur, University of Houston; Bruce Tromberg, National Institutes of Health; Mark E. Van Dyke, The University of Arizona.

Thirumalai V. Venkatesan, The University of Oklahoma; Jian-Ping Wang, University of Minnesota; Binghe Wang, Georgia State University; Nien-Hwa Wang, Purdue University; Shan X. Wang, Stanford University; Bennett C. Ward, Virginia Commonwealth University; James J. Watkins, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Anthony S. Weiss, The University of Sydney; Gregory F. Welch, University of Central Florida; David G. Whitten, The University of New Mexico.

David Williams, University of Rochester; Darren Woodside, Texas Heart Institute; Hong Yan, City University of Hong Kong; Paul G. Yock, Stanford University; Richard A. Yost, University of Florida; Habib Zaghouni, University of Missouri-Columbia; Ya-Qin Zhang, Tsinghua University; Ming-Ming Zhou, Mount Sinai Health System.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE ACADEMIES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EQUALITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Service Academies District of Columbia Equality Act, which would give the District of Columbia the same number of appointments and nominations to the U.S. service academies as states. Currently, each Member

of the House and each senator is allocated five appointments to each service academy—the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy—and each Member of the House and each senator is allowed 10 nominations for each appointment. Therefore, since D.C. has no senators, D.C. is deprived of 10 appointments and, assuming all appointments are vacant, 100 nominations to each service academy.

This bill would provide equality for D.C. residents who choose to serve their country by applying to a service academy. It is remarkable that D.C. residents volunteer to serve a country that denies them statehood, congressional voting rights and full home rule. District residents have fought in every American war, and our residents, who pay all federal taxes, including paying more federal taxes per capita than the residents of any state, deserve to have the same opportunity to attend our prestigious service academies as residents of the states.

The District's population (690,000) is larger than that of two states and is in line with the six states that have a population under one million. D.C. servicemembers have helped secure voting rights for people throughout the world, yet have always been denied those same rights when they returned home. District residents deserve equality at the service academies.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING TINA WONG AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tina Wong, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Wong was born in San Francisco, California, to Darlene Roth and Marvin Wong. She graduated from the University of California, Davis with a bachelor's degree in English and earned two teaching credentials for Single Subject Teaching in English and Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.

Ms. Wong began working in the Elk Grove Unified School District at the Union House Elementary School in 1993. Then, in 1995, she began teaching in public schools in Martinez, California, including Martinez Junior High School. The year after, she became the Assistant to the Upper Head of School and Academic Dean at The Athenian School. During her time at The Athenian School, Ms. Wong volunteered to mentor students in areas of social justice, equity and diversity as a board member of the Bay Area People of Color in Independent Schools, an organization that represents people of color in the Bay Area education system.

Additionally, Ms. Wong volunteers with organizations that aim to empower and support

young people in her community. She is the Earth Ambassadors Program Manager for New Leaf Collaborative, a local non-profit that provides learning and leadership opportunities for students, educators, and community partners in areas of science, nature, and ecological literacy.

Ms. Wong is well-known in her community for her passion for learning, communication skills, planning expertise, and commitment to collaboration. She has been married to Robert DiBetta for over 20 years, and they have two children, Sam and Kate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Tina Wong has dedicated her life to educating and supporting the students in our district. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTIE
WALKER

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Artie Walker.

Artie Walker was born in Stallo, Mississippi, on April 3, 1930 and moved to Stockton in 1948 after graduating from high school. In 1957, Artie was the first African-American woman to be hired by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. During her 25-year career in law enforcement she worked in several capacities including in the patrol section, in court services and the youth services section of the detective division, and at the men's and women's jails. She was instrumental in implementing rehabilitation programs at the women's jail and began a project in the Sheriff's Department to make Christmas gifts available for residents of Children's Home of Stockton.

Artie was an advocate for women's rights and was honored by the local chapter of the National Organization for Women with the "Diana Award" for her contributions to helping women gain equality. Artie also showed devotion to her community through her service at Christ Temple Church of Stockton. She served as Secretary of the Crist Temple Church of Stockton's Board of Directors and as an Associate Minister. Her dedication, enthusiasm, spirit, and commitment to others is inspiring.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Artie Walker and her lifetime of service.

MILITARY VEHICLE FLEET
ELECTRIFICATION ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Military Vehicle Fleet Electrification Act." Among other things, this transformative legislation would require the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to replace its fleet of nontactical vehicles with at least 75 percent electric or zero-emission vehicles.

The DOD remains the single largest institutional consumer of petroleum in the world. As chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I am deeply committed to getting the American military to do its part to combat the climate crisis by reducing fossil fuel use and transitioning our nation to a clean energy economy. As the Pentagon turns over its fleet of nontactical vehicles, it only makes sense that those replacements be electric or zero-emission vehicles to the greatest extent practicable.

According to the General Services Administration (GSA), the DOD currently has more than 174,000 nontactical vehicles across the service branches, including the Coast Guard, and the various defense agencies. That is the second largest share of the overall federal vehicle fleet, after the U.S. Postal Service at more than 225,000 vehicles. In December 2021, the Biden Administration published its Federal Sustainability Plan, indicating that the DOD is responsible for 56 percent of the federal government's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

My legislation would apply to all future nontactical vehicles, such as passenger cars, vans, or light-duty trucks, purchased or leased for the military. It would not apply to vehicles used in combat or warzones like Humvees. My legislation includes the strongest possible "Buy American" requirements, ensuring that electric vehicle components like batteries are not sourced from hostile foreign countries like the People's Republic of China or Russian Federation. Importantly, my legislation would apply to both direct procurement by the DOD itself and any non-tactical vehicles for which the GSA acts as the procurement or leasing agent on behalf of the service branches or defense agencies.

As a nation and within our military, we have a responsibility to make thoughtful purchases with taxpayer funds to combat the climate crisis. Transitioning the military's enormous fleet of passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and vans with internal combustion engines to American-made electric and zero-emission vehicles is a commonsense way to further reduce our nation's greenhouse gas emissions. I plan to make this critical legislation a top priority in the Readiness mark of the forthcoming National Defense Authorization Act.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to join me in cosponsoring the "Military Vehicle Fleet Electrification Act."

HONORING JENNIFER STRONG AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Strong, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Lake County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Jennifer Strong was born in Davis, California, and is a sixth-generation Lake County

resident. She graduated from California State University, Chico in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. Ms. Strong started her career as a branch manager for Tri Counties Bank. She quickly developed a passion for helping her customers feel comfortable with their finances. In 1998, she expanded this passion and founded Strong Financial Network as a Certified Financial Planner. Her firm is built upon the principle of holistic financial planning with a focus on helping her clients maneuver through all aspects of life. Ms. Strong provides hours of free financial planning to all ages, including young people, regardless of the size of their assets. She is often found at a career day event at a local school and meeting individually with young people about the importance of a healthy relationship with money. Additionally, she has hosted countless student interns in her office over the years.

Ms. Strong is also a member and supporter of many non-profit organization in Lake County. She donates countless hours of service to local non-profits in financial planning, as well as providing MC services for annual charity fundraisers. Ms. Strong is a long-time member of the Lakeport Rotary Club. She is known for her 15-year service as Ride Director for the annual cycling event, Konocti Challenge, bringing in millions of dollars in economic benefit to Lake County. She also founded the Rotary Fire Relief Fund, which was established during the Valley Fire in 2015, and raised over \$1 million that year. All of the fund was used to support fire survivors.

Ms. Strong's passion for her community is described by loved ones as "infectious and always at the forefront of her decisions." She is known for her dedicated passion in helping others believe in their own ability to effect change in the world. Outside of her career and community work, Ms. Strong is passionate about outdoor activities, such as scuba diving, gardening, travelling, and is also a licensed private pilot.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Jennifer Strong has dedicated her life to the people of Lake County through her career in financial services and her community work. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF COLONEL SCOTT A. WILLIS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Scott A. Willis, of Westfield, Indiana, on his retirement from the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Willis has spent the last 30 years in the Marine Corps defending our country. His selfless service to the nation and to our community will be his lasting legacy.

I thank Colonel Willis for his dedicated service to the Nation. Our community is grateful for his leadership and his service.

PAT WITT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of attending Pat Witt's 95th birthday celebration in Vineland, South Jersey. As a lifelong native of Millville, Pat has played an integral role in encouraging the appreciation and participation of the fine arts throughout the South Jersey community. Pat's artistic talents have been honored through private and public collections across the globe. The Barn Studio of Art, founded by Pat in 1962, is one of her largest accomplishments. Throughout the years, The Barn has been a hub for the New Jersey Art community. Through Pat's work at the Barn Studio, she has taught and inspired thousands of students with her enthusiasm for the arts. Pat should be proud of her hard work and dedication, which has truly touched the lives of many, and it was an honor to be able to attend her birthday celebration. God bless Pat, and God Bless our America.

**HONORING BETTY RHODES AS
WOMAN OF THE YEAR****HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Betty Rhodes, whom I have named the 2022 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Mrs. Rhodes was born in Taft, California, in 1927. She graduated from Fairfax High School in Los Angeles and then attended Los Angeles City College and Ventura Junior College. She married her husband, Tom, in 1950, and they moved to Ventura County. The couple relocated to Napa in the 1980s to be closer to one of their daughters Judy.

After Tom Rhodes passed away in 1990, Mrs. Rhodes became greatly involved in the Napa County community, joining the Napa County Commission on Aging, where she has served for 15 years. She used her experience with the agency to spearhead the Napa County Caregiver Ordinance, which requires independent caregivers and home care aides to complete a background check and register through the state. The Ordinance, which was adopted by the Napa County Board of Supervisors, is nicknamed "Betty's Law" in honor of her tireless, seven-year advocacy for the Ordinance.

Additionally, Mrs. Rhodes has been a voice for seniors by serving on the Napa County Paratransit Coordinating Council, Napa and Solano Area Agency on Aging, and Molly's Angels Board of Directors. She also writes a weekly column for the Napa Valley Register about issues that are important to seniors.

As a member of the California Senior Leadership Alliance, Mrs. Rhodes has advocated

for seniors at the state level by meeting with State Senators and Assembly Members to discuss matters that affect seniors. In 2008, the Napa Valley Chamber of Commerce named Mrs. Rhodes the Community Booster of the Year, honoring her distinguished record of leadership.

Mrs. Rhodes has four children, Greg, Susan, Steven, and Judy, seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Betty Rhodes has dedicated her life to advocating for the senior citizens of Napa County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

**SUPPORTING JUSTICE CLARENCE
THOMAS****HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the efforts to unfairly attack one of the best Supreme Court Justices in our history—Justice Clarence Thomas.

Democrats in Congress have engaged in a smear campaign against this most distinguished jurist. And why? Because they are upset that his wife texted the President's Chief of Staff. The attack on this great Justice is not based on any decision he made. It is not based on anything he said or did. Rather, he is being held to account for his wife's expression of free speech.

Let me be clear, Ginni Thomas, the Justice's wife, has every right to share her political views and express her views. Merely because her husband is a judicial officer does not mean she loses all of her constitutional rights.

The real reason radical Democrats want Justice Thomas to be impeached, or to "re-sign" or to recuse himself from cases unnecessarily, is because they don't like his close adherence to the Constitution. Justice Thomas' legal decisions read like poetry. He clearly and easily eviscerates strange constitutional interpretations by the Leftists on the Court. He forcefully and unabashedly explains true Constitutional law and sticks to the document as it was intended. This makes him a threat to the Left.

The Democrats in Congress belittle and besmirch the impeachment process. It is now invoked against their political enemies with as much thought as what they want for lunch. They cry "impeachment" in unison against all of their political enemies, like a socialist collective. The hive mind of the Left seeks destruction of the Constitution and it hates, with prejudice aforethought, those who believe in the Constitution as a fixed star in the constellation guiding our nation instead of the loopy "it's a living document so it means whatever I say it means."

I stand with Justice Thomas and his wife. Stay strong for the sake of America. America needs his voice on the Court, and he should not let the vitriolic, shrill, and hysterical Left wing mob in Congress deter him from his right to free speech for Ginni and his duty to our Constitution.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimate and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine suicide prevention and related behavioral health interventions in the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ventris C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years, and Paul M. Rosen, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, both of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

SH-216

11:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Derek Kan, of California, and Daniel Mark Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's posture for supporting and fostering innovation.

SR-222

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine advancing public transportation in small cities and rural places under the bipartisan infrastructure law.

SD-538/VTC

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Pritchard Geer, Robert P. Klein, both of Tennessee, and L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, all of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 115-03), agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the instrument as contemplated by Article 3(2) of the Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union, signed June 25, 2003, as to the Application of the Treaty on Extradition signed on October 25, 1901 (the "U.S.-Croatia Extradition Agreement"), and the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the Instrument as contemplated by Article 3(3) of the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union signed at Washington on June 25, 2003 (the "U.S.-Croatia Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement"), both signed at Washington on December 10, 2019 (Treaty Doc. 116-02), and amendment to the

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the "Montreal Protocol"), adopted at Kigali on October 15, 2016, by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (the "Kigali Amendment") (Treaty Doc. 117-01).

SD-106/VTC

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 3123, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, S. 3126, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, S. 3273, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine ways to counter tactics oligarchs use to launder their money and reputations and stifle dissent.

SD-562

3:15 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

APRIL 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the scope and scale of critical mineral demand and recycling of critical minerals.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and 11 GSA resolutions.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the IRS, the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023, and the 2022 filing season.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine protecting Ukrainian refugees from human trafficking.

SD-562